REMARKS

I. Specification Objection

The Examiner objected to the specification, paragraph [0057], in that the terms "tuft 105" and "tuft 106" should be in the plural. Paragraph [0057] of the specification is amended herein as suggested by the Examiner.

II. Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-30, 33 and 34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,442. A terminal disclaimer with appropriate fees is filed herewith to overcome this rejection.

III. Claim Amendment

Claim 15 is amended to correct an informality to add the word "a" before "non-circular pattern" in line 6.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered because it requires only a cursory review by the Examiner, does not raise issue of new matter nor requires additional search.

If the Examiner has any questions on the above and believes a telephone conference will aid in the allowance of the application, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

By virtue of the Applicants' amendment to the claim and specification and remarks thereto, all outstanding grounds of rejection and objection have been addressed and dealt with

and, based thereon, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

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